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For : METHOD FOR GENERATING AND VERIFYING DIGITAL  
WATERMARKS AND FOR EXCHANGING DATA  
CONTAINING DIGITAL WATERMARKS

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